

The <u>Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission</u> is offering a voluntary swimming pool inspection program to protect health and improve safety in the five municipalities of Bound Brook, Green Brook, South Bound Brook, Warren and Watchung. The new pool program aims to prevent drownings, chemical related injuries, entrapment and electrocution. Learn how to protect lives by contacting us at:

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-Consumer Product Safety Commission

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What to Do in Case of a Drowning Emergency:

- ☐ Get the victim out of the water immediately
- ☐ Call 9-1-1
- Begin CPR if you are trained
- If not trained in CPR, follow the operator's instructions until help arrives



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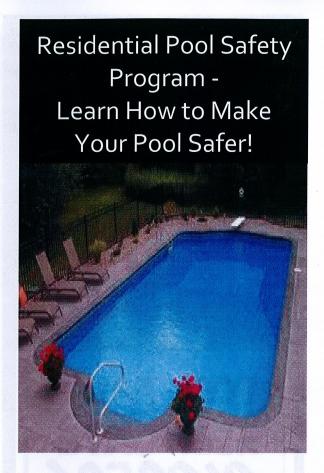
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